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### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the application.

Please amend claims 1-13 as shown below.

Please add new claims 14-16 as shown below.

This listing of claims 1-16 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A hydrogen storage material, comprising:  
hydrogen; and  
a magnesium-containing intermetallic compound capable of forming a hydride with the hydrogen at room temperature, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermetallic compound ~~comprises~~ includes an alloy of magnesium and a trivalent metal selected from ~~the a~~ group consisting of Sc, Y, ~~La~~, and the actinide series of rare earth elements.
2. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that the intermetallic compound comprises an~~ wherein the alloy is selected from a group consisting of scandium-magnesium, ~~gadolinium-magnesium,~~ and yttrium-magnesium.
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein the intermetallic compound ~~comprises~~ includes a scandium-magnesium alloy.
4. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 3, ~~characterized in that the scandium-magnesium alloy comprises~~ includes 1-50 at % scandium and 50-99 at. % magnesium.
5. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in of~~ claim 3, ~~characterized in that the scandium-magnesium alloy comprises~~ includes 15-40 at % scandium and 60-85 at. % magnesium.

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6. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ the scandium-magnesium alloy ~~comprises~~ includes 30-40 at % scandium and 60-70 at. % magnesium.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ the scandium-magnesium alloy ~~comprises~~ includes  $\text{Sc}_{0.35}\text{Mg}_{0.65}\text{H}_x$ .

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising:  
an amount of a catalytically active material.

9. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the catalytically active material ~~comprises~~ includes at least one metal selected from the a group consisting of palladium, platinum, cobalt, nickel, rhodium, or iridium, and/or a composition of the formula  $\text{DE}_3[\cdot]_i$

wherein D is at least one element selected from the a group consisting of Cr, Mo and W $[\cdot]_j$ ; and

wherein E is at least one element selected from the a group consisting of Ni and Co.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ hydrogen storage material ~~as claimed in~~ of claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the catalytically active material ~~comprises~~ includes one of palladium, platinum or rhodium.

11. (Currently Amended) An electrochemically active material, ~~characterized in that the material comprises a hydrogen storage material as claimed in claim 1~~  
comprising:

hydrogen; and

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a magnesium-containing intermetallic compound capable of forming a hydride with the hydrogen, wherein the intermetallic compound includes an alloy of magnesium and a trivalent metal selected from a group consisting of Sc, Y, and the actinide series of rare earth elements.

12. (Currently Amended) An electrochemical cell, ~~at least~~ comprising:  
a positive electrode; and  
a negative electrode operatively paired with said positive electrode,  
~~characterized in that the negative electrode comprises a hydrogen storage material as~~  
~~claimed in claim 1~~ said negative electrode including  
hydrogen, and  
a magnesium-containing intermetallic compound capable of forming a  
hydride with the hydrogen at room temperature, wherein the intermetallic compound  
includes an alloy of magnesium and a trivalent metal selected from a group consisting  
of Sc, Y, and the actinide series of rare earth elements.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An Electronic~~ electronic equipment powered by at least  
one electrochemical cell, ~~characterized in that the at least one electrochemical cell is~~  
~~an electrochemical cell as claimed in claim 12~~ each electrochemical cell comprising:  
a positive electrode; and  
a negative electrode operatively paired with said positive electrode, said  
negative electrode including  
hydrogen, and  
a magnesium-containing intermetallic compound capable of forming a  
hydride with the hydrogen at room temperature, wherein the intermetallic compound  
includes an alloy of magnesium and a trivalent metal selected from a group consisting  
of Sc, Y, and the actinide series of rare earth elements.

14. (New) The electrochemically active material of claim 11, further comprising:  
an amount of a catalytically active material.

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15. (New) The electrochemical cell of claim 12, further comprising:  
an amount of a catalytically active material.
16. (New) The electronic equipment of claim 13, wherein each electrochemical  
cell further comprises an amount of a catalytically active material.